The word "Moro" is the Spanish equivalent of "Moor" and was applied indiscriminately to the Mohammedan peoples by the Spaniards when they arrived in the Islands. The name has remained and is used as descriptive of the Mohammedan Filipinos. But do not get the impression that the Moros are racially of different stock than the rest of the inhabitants,of the Philippines. The Moros are Filipinos just as much as the other people of the Philippines commonly referred to as Filipinos. The chief difference is one of religion. The Filipinos proper are Christians, while the Moros are Mohammedans.

Originally pagans of Indonesian origin, the ancestors of the Moros came under Mohammedan influence in the fourteenth century. Two centuries later, when the Spaniards entered the Philippines, they found the Moros in complete control in the south and rapidly spreading their influence in the north. The fierce Moros became the pet abomination of the Spaniards. They raided towns, captured slaves, and looted vessels, while the Spaniards attempted reprisals but without permanent success. Never were the Spaniards able to subjugate the Moros. As for the Americans, bloody lessons were needed to teach the Moro recalcitrants the ways of peace.

The Moros are the predominating group in the Sulu Archipelago, the large Island of Mindanao, and the smaller Island of Palawan. In the history of Moroland, two names stand out above all others—Abu Bakr, who regularly organized the Sulu Sultanate, and Sharif Kabungsuwan, who

founded the Sultanate of Maguindanaw.

SULU AND THE SULTAN OF SULU [8]

The Sulus of whom I would speak are not the Zulus of Africa, and the Sultan of Sulu is not the Sultan of Sulu made

[8] **Section read by Hadji Butu. See Dr. Sixto Y. Orosa, *The Sulu Archfyelago and Us People* (1923).**